

News-item on Kargil war

1882. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report captioned "Kargil's untold story; India won a war, lost one at home" which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 26th May, 2000; and

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the Kargil war left a far more porous and vulnerable LoC and borders with concentrations and heavy influx of armed militants?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir, the deployment of troops has since been augmented and all routes of ingress are well-guarded or patrolled.

AJT Aircrafts for IAF

1883. SHRI K. RAMA MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalise the Advanced Jet Trainer Aircraft deal for the Indian Air force;

(b) if so, the country with which the negotiations have been finalised; and

(c) by when the delivery is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Negotiations have now commenced with M/s. British Aerospace for the Hawk AJT. The delivery schedule of the aircraft will be settled in the negotiations.